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Classified by Ambassador Michele J. Sison, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

¶1. (C) Summary: Ambassador emphasized reftel points on Iran with MFA's number two on July 26. An inquiry about the Minister's Iran travel plans led to a discussion of consular and legal issues between the UAE and Iran which would be addressed by an MFA team the following week. End summary.

¶2. (C) Ambassador met with MFA number two Ambassador Abdul Rahman Al-Jarman on July 26 to brief on the P5 1 package of incentives for Iran. Noting that Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed (AbZ, currently out of the country) had previously requested details of the incentives associated with "Promotion of Regional Security," Ambassador emphasized that Iran's refusal to suspend its enrichment-related activities and engage seriously leaves no choice but to pursue a UNSC resolution. Al-Jarman said he would bring the list to the attention of the Minister.

¶3. (C) Ambassador also inquired about AbZ's plans to travel to Iran. Al-Jarman noted changes in the Foreign Minister's plans (postponed from July 29 to "early August" and now to "sometime in September"), and said that he (Al-Jarman) would visit Iran next week as part of a "Consular Commission." The second in a series of meetings (the first having been held in the UAE), this commission would look at legal issues "like extradition," legal assistance in criminal matters, etc. He said the UAE had no extradition treaty with Iran but was discussing the framework of a potential future agreement. He noted that visas were another topic on the agenda.

¶4. (C) Al-Jarman would not venture a guess as to the number of Iranian residents in the UAE (estimates range between 300 and 400 thousand), but cited problems with illegal border crossings and boats entering UAE waters without permission -- many "fishing on the continental shelf" near UAE shores. He acknowledged that a number of UAE fishermen were also picked up by Iran from time to time and that the Consular Commission offered a focal point for discussion on these issues.

¶5. (C) Stating that the commission would not discuss the three UAE islands under Iranian occupation -- that was a "political issue" outside the purview of consular talks -- Al-Jarman did note that Abu Musa was the only island of the three with a significant UAE population. Movement around the island, and chances of returning after leaving it, were "not easy" and required Iran's permission.

¶6. (C) As for residents of the UAE visiting Kish Island in Iran, Al-Jarman cited the convenience of the 30-minute flight for those who needed to renew their UAE visas and return directly. He said there were 25 daily flights to Kish Island from the various Emirates, totaling 1,000 monthly flights -- which tended to be "quite full." He said UAE families and businessmen also used these flights to visit Iran, but that

the UAE did not have many residents there.
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